

## **Claim Amendments**

This listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A pipe joint comprising a male first pipe portion, a female second pipe portion, and a restraining gasket, said gasket further comprising:

- a) a compressible body having a spigot-facing surface, a recess seat-facing surface, and a gland-facing surface; and
- b) a locking member, said member having a tooth and a back portion at least partially embedded within the compressible body, wherein at least a portion of the tooth is positioned to engage the first pipe portion,

wherein said locking member is adapted to adopt a secured relationship with the first pipe portion upon compression of a gland against said gland-facing surface and wherein further said locking member is adapted to non-compressibly resist movement of said first pipe portion relative to said gland by transferring a first portion of an extractive force to said gland and a second portion of such force to the second pipe portion, which first portion and second portion are each of a magnitude less than the magnitude of the extractive force.

Claims 4 - 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A pipe joint as in Claim 2, 3, wherein said gasket further comprising-comprises a plurality of density regions, wherein said regions are adapted to influence the movement of said locking member.

Claim 12-16 (Cancelled)